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# Nebo News



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## NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 34,000 students in 2020-2021.
- Nebo District has approximately 4,500 employees.
- Nebo District is the 7th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest employer in Utah County.

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## Superintendent Caring Creates an Endless Ripple

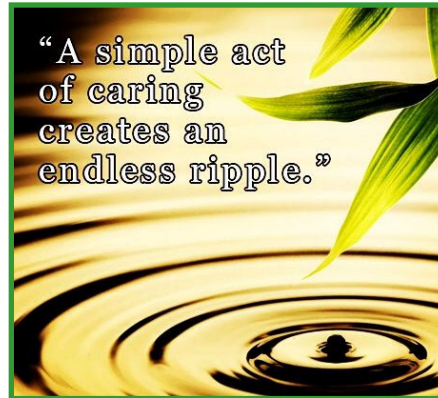
Our high school "Youth Board" once described the characteristics of the most influential teachers throughout their experience in Nebo District. While there were a variety of qualities mentioned, these students consistently pointed out that these "difference makers" knew their names, took interest in and cared about them as individuals, and made efforts to help them succeed.

This conversation caused me to reflect on my first experience with schooling. My kindergarten teacher was named Mrs.

Swain. She had high expectations for us and was rigorous in her demands, yet we knew that she cared for us. One morning I woke up to find that I had chicken pox. Needless to say, I wasn't very excited to have chicken pox, but what really upset me was missing "rice pudding day" in Mrs. Swain's class. I honestly had no idea what "rice pudding day" was, and I don't particularly like rice pudding, but it upset me that I was going to miss it.

I still remember our doorbell ringing in the mid-afternoon and my mom opening the door to a

smiling Mrs. Swain. She had brought some work for me to do while I was absent; and, much to my delight, a paper cup filled with rice pudding!



"A simple act of caring creates an endless ripple."

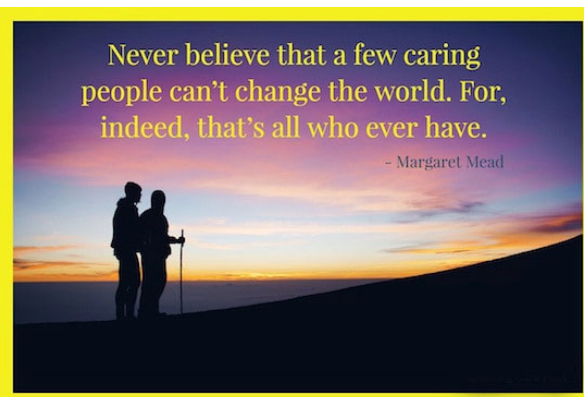


To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care.

-Mandy Hale

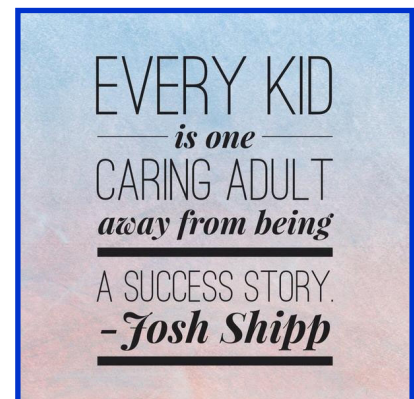
Mrs. Swain brought "the Magic" to me nearly fifty years ago with her caring and compassion. Her actions made a positive difference in my life, just like our caring and compassionate acts and attitudes are recognized and appreciated by the students in our own district today.

(Note: This is a repeat of a story I shared a few years ago, but it is my favorite story about teachers truly caring for their students. I also realize that we have enough new employees that many may not have heard this before.)



Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.

- Margaret Mead



EVERY KID  
— is one —  
CARING ADULT  
away from being  
A SUCCESS STORY.  
- Josh Shipp

# Nebo Administrative Appointments

## Dates to Celebrate:

**March 1-31**  
 National Nutrition Month  
 Music in our Schools Month  
 Women's History Month  
 Youth Art Month

**March 2**  
 Read Across America Day  
 Dr. Seuss's Birthday

**March 3**  
 Adoption of U.S. National Anthem in 1931  
 World Wildlife Day

**March 8**  
 International Women's Day

**March 8-12**  
 National School Breakfast Week  
 School Social Work Week

**March 14**  
 Daylight Savings Time Begins

**March 17**  
 St. Patrick's Day

**March 19**  
 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

**March 20**  
 First Day of Spring  
 Great American Cleanup

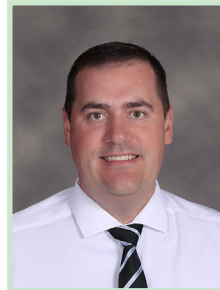
**March 22**  
 World Water Day



Bart Peery, Administrator  
Advanced Learning Center



Ryan McGuire, Principal  
Salem Hills High



Rhet Rowley, Principal  
Mt. Nebo Middle



Kristen Massic, Assistant  
Principal, Mt. Nebo Middle



Sarah Brunson, Assistant  
Principal, Maple Grove Middle



Travis Moss, Assistant  
Principal Spring Canyon Middle



Brett White, Assistant  
Principal Mapleton Junior



Kendall Call, Assistant  
Principal Salem Hills High



Kelly Cole Taylor, Assistant  
Principal Landmark High



Alesha LeMmon, Assistant  
Principal, Landmark High



Blake Mortensen, Assis-  
t. Principal, SF Junior



Wendy LeFevre,  
Curriculum Specialist



Shawn Rawlings, Adminis-  
trator, Summit Center



Lorraine Nelson, Principal  
Wilson Elementary



Julie Peery, Principal  
Canyon Elementary



Cami Thomas, Principal  
Mapleton Elementary



Monica Valerio, Principal  
Mt. Loafer Elementary



Bethany Clark, Principal  
Larsen Elementary



Nate Holt, Principal  
Brockbank Elementary



Ben Atkin, Principal  
Goshen Elementary

**Maple Grove Middle School** in Mapleton is 70% finished and will open Fall of 2021.

**Spring Canyon Middle School** in Springville is 65% finished and will open Fall of 2021.

Go to [www.nebo.edu/node/2848](http://www.nebo.edu/node/2848) for updates.





# Classified Employees of the Year

## 2020-2021

### Suzi Whiting

*District Classified Employee of the Year*

*School Board President Christine Riley*

*Superintendent Rick Nielsen*



Suzi Whiting  
Child Nutrition



Stacey Hall  
Educational Technician



Douglas Loveless  
Custodian



Jackie McKinney  
Transportation



Laurie Bills  
Secretary



Cody Anderson  
Maintenance



Josh Waters  
Special Education Services

# Nebo Heroes — Our Nebo Nurses — Are the Magic

Nurses show they are heroes in many ways, from saving lives to promoting health and wellness in their communities. Like never before, the community can see how much our Nebo nurses do to make a difference. Nurses are committed to caring and showing compassion for students and educators in our hour of need.

Our Nebo nurses have served a critical role in our schools and classrooms. They continue to work around the clock in helping navigate COVID-19 and keeping our students and educators safe.

Our Nebo nurses can be trusted to bring their expertise and wisdom as well as their compassion for each and every one of us, every single day.

Thank you for making a difference in our school district!!

Thank YOU for *Being the MAGIC!!*



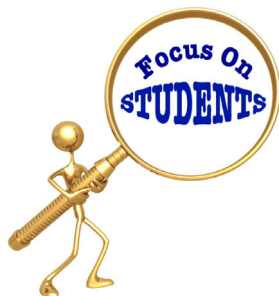
Nebo Nurses Back Row: Janet Shakespear, Nikki Hughes, Alicia Milberger, Kelsey Gardner, Stacy Duncan, Celeste Henderson, and Tiffany Boston  
Front Row: Diane Cooper, Lenay Porter, Kirsten Weber, Tylene Shelley, and Carly Carter

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# Nebo Hero

## BE A Nebo Hero

**Mary Kathryn Hall**, Teacher, Remote, "She and the other remote teachers have had to learn flexibility because the turnover in their classes is so great. They receive a nearly new class of students each term because of the fluid movement from remote to face-to-face learning. Mary Kathryn has handled these changes gracefully." Recognized by Deon Youd.

**Travis Moss**, Dean of Students, Mapleton Jr., "He is an outstanding leader! He continues making MJHS a positive learning environment. He is well respected by his colleagues, parents, and students." Recognized by Chrystal Wallace.

**Steffani Waggoner**, Secretary, Spanish Oaks, "She is an amazing resource to our school. She gave tech support to teachers who were struggling to use the technology. When key personal who weren't able to come to the school, she stepped up in an amazing way." Recognized by Tiffany Taylor, Heidi Dimmick, Chrissie Robinson.

**Jesse Davis**, Custodian, Barnett, "With all of the added cleaning needs this year to keep us safe and healthy, Mr. Davis is constantly hopping from refilling hand sanitizers to disinfecting playground equipment. No job is too small or too large. He takes such good care of us!" Recognized by Kali Brown.

**Jessica Lindley**, Mentor, District, "She is an exceptional special education mentor and provides amazing support and constant encouragement. She trained my technicians in behavior, curriculum, and an activities schedule. She helped with a challenging student. She is just amazing!" Recognized by Natalie Veach.

**Shannon Arroyo**, Title I Coor., Westside, "Shannon is amazing! She is always there to answer our questions and make so many schedules for our school, including the craziness of safety at lunchtime. She is wiping down tables and helping students and teachers make the best of it. She is so flexible!" Recognized by Deanna Herrmann.

**Amy Winsor**, Foods, Canyon, "She is an amazing worker that jumps right in to help especially when a child is sad and needs help." Recognized by Amberlie Green.

**Mike Johnson**, Principal, Hobble Creek, "Mike is an exceptional principal. He is so focused on making sure that the teachers feel comfortable, safe, and supported. He helps students comfortable and safe to come to school." Recognized by Monica Briggs, Jenna Brooke, Maria Lopez, Mallory Mack, Lisa Nissen, Alyssa Peterson.

**Kendra McPherson**, Psychologist, "She always goes above and beyond with students. No matter the situation, she is always happy, kind, loving, and supportive. Parents and staff love Kendra!" Recognized by Crystal Averett.

**Michelle Gast**, Instructional Coach, "She always encourages her team to do and be their best. She cares about each and every one of her students and would give a little extra to those that needed it. She is a Nebo Hero!" Recognized by Sarah Sumsion.

*If you have noticed any wonderful people or experiences that need to be recognized, please email them to [iana.hiskey@nebo.edu](mailto:iana.hiskey@nebo.edu).*